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LETTER DATED 2 MARCH 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that, during the period from 11 to 20 February 1994, United States aircraft continued to violate Iraqi airspace for the purpose of reconnaissance and provocation and the dropping of heat flares.

11 February 1994

(a) Northern region: 21 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho, Ayn Zalah and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 30 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Jalibah, Artawi and Busayyah.

12 February 1994

(a) Northern region: No hostile activity was recorded in the northern region on 12 February 1994.

(b) Southern region: 49 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Ushbayjah, Salman and Artawi.

- At 1349 hours on 12 February 1994, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace, flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m over Basra, Qal'at Salih, Amarah, Qurnah and Artawi. It departed at 1442 hours in the direction of Saudi Arabian airspace.

13 February 1994

(a) Northern region: No hostile activity was recorded in the northern region on 13 February 1994.

(b) Southern region: 44 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qurnah, Artawi, Busayyah and Jalibah.

14 February 1994

(a) Northern region: 37 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Dohuk, Irbil, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 48 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Basra, Jalibah, Busayyah and Artawi.

- At 1131 hours on 14 February 1994, a hostile aircraft dropped four heat flares on the Badriyah area in the Quch district in Ninawa Governorate.

15 February 1994

(a) Northern region: 23 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 40 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Ushbayjah, Lasaf, Jalibah, Artawi, Qal'at Salih, Amarah, Shatrah, Qurnah and the area south of Najaf.

16 February 1994

(a) Northern region: 23 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Amadiyah and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 37 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, the area south of Diwaniyah, the area south of Najaf, Shatrah, Artawi, Qal'at Salih and Busayyah.

- At 1247 hours on 16 February 1994, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace, flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m over the area 50 km west of Busayyah. It departed at 1420 hours in the direction of Saudi Arabian airspace.

17 February 1994

(a) Northern region: No hostile activity was recorded in the northern region on 17 February 1994.

(b) Southern region: 56 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Basra, Jalibah, Busayyah and Salman.

18 February 1994

(a) Northern region: 33 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 43 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qal'at Salih, Qurnah, Jalibah, Artawi, Amarah and Busayyah.

- At 1521 hours on 18 February 1994, a hostile formation dropped two heat flares on the Namrud district in Ninawa Governorate.

- At 1530 hours on 18 February 1994, a hostile aircraft dropped three heat flares north of Qasbat Faydah in Ninawa Governorate.

19 February 1994

(a) Northern region: 23 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Dukan, Amadiyah and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 44 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Amarah, Qal'at Salih, Salman, Jalibah, Artawi, Busayyah and Qurnah.

- At 1340 hours on 19 February 1994, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace, flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m over the town of Amarah. It departed at 1500 hours in the direction of Saudi Arabian airspace.

20 February 1994

(a) Northern region: 18 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Dohuk, Irbil, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 38 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Basra, Samawah, Busayyah, Artawi and Jalibah.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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